

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Frédéric FORTIN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3775
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Application No.: 10/505,469)	Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
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For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE)	Confirmation No.: 4004
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2009, Applicants submit the attached remarks.

A Complete Listing of the Claims is presented in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the listing of the claims section of this paper.